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LOCAL MEETINGS AND OTHER NOTICES.

BOSTON. The following report gives the proceedings of the Boston Branch during the year 1903 and since the last report printed in this Journal.

The first meeting of the season of 1902-03 was held on *Wednesday, December 10, 1902*, at Small Hall, Pierce Building. Hon. E. H. Thompson, for many years United States Consul at Merida, spoke on the "Manners and Customs of the People of Yucatan," and gave translations of folk-tales collected by himself. His address was illustrated by the kinetoscope, as well as by other lantern slides, and also by music recorded on the phonograph.

Friday, January 23, 1903. The regular meeting was held at the house of Mrs. J. A. Remick, 300 Marlborough Street. Mr. F. A. Golder, recently stationed in Alaska, was the speaker, and gave an account of the Aleuts and their traditions, also reading translations from their oral literature.

Tuesday, February 24. The regular meeting was held at the house of Mrs. H. E. Raymond, 16 Exeter Street. Madame Alice Le Plongeon was the speaker, having for her subject "The Customs, Rites, and Superstitions of the Mayas."

Tuesday, March 31. The regular meeting was held at the house of Mr. and Mrs. W. G. Preston, 1063 Beacon Street. Mr. J. Mackintosh Bell, F. R. G. S., of Ottawa, Canada, spoke on the "Fireside Stories of the Chipewyans." Mr. Bell, in addition to the poetic tales, gave a vivid account of these tribes of the extreme Northwest, and showed various specimens of their handiwork.

Tuesday, May 5. The annual meeting, postponed from April, was held at the house of Dr. and Mrs. A. L. Kennedy, 222 Pleasant Street, Brookline, Professor F. W. Putnam in the chair. The Annual Report of the Treasurer showed a small cash balance in the treasury, and the Secretary reported that the number of new members admitted to the Branch slightly exceeded that of those lost through death or resignation. The attendance at the five meetings of the year was reported as larger than usual, and the speakers had been highly appreciated. Officers were elected as follows: *President*, Professor Frederic Ward Putnam; *First Vice-President*, Mr. William Wells Newell; *Second Vice-President*, Mr. William C. Farrabee; *Treasurer*, Mr. Eliot C. Remick; *Secretary*, Miss Helen Leah Reed; *Council*, Mrs. Monroe Ayer, Mrs. Otto B. Cole, Mrs. Lee Hoffman, Mrs. H. E. Raymond, Dr. Roland B. Dixon, Mr. Ashton Willard.

Tuesday, December 8. The first regular meeting of the season 1903-04 was held at the house of Mr. and Mrs. Otto B. Cole, 551 Boylston Street. Professor F. W. Putnam presided, and Mr. Alfred Marston Tozzer, of Harvard University, graphically depicted "Navaho Sand-Paintings." The lecturer gave a vivid account of the ceremonies attending the making of these pictures, as witnessed by himself, and explained their symbolism. Reproductions in color added to the interest of an entertaining and profitable address.

CAMBRIDGE, *Tuesday, January 16.* The meeting was held at the house of Mrs. F. N. Robinson, Longfellow Park. Mr. G. B. Gordon gave a paper on "The Trail of the Golden Dragon." Mr. Gordon, who for several years was in charge of the explorations in Central America conducted by the Peabody Museum, described legends existing among the native Maya population.

Tuesday, February 19. The Cambridge Branch met at the house of Miss Alexander, 1 Parker Street. Mr. J. Mackintosh Bell spoke on the "Fireside Legends of the Chippewyans."

Tuesday, March 30. The Branch met with Miss Puffer, 45 Irving Street. Mr. Arthur Farwell, of Newton Centre, treated musical manifestations of American Indian life, illustrated with the piano.

Tuesday, April 27. The Branch met at the house of Professor Smyth, 91 Walker Street. The paper of the evening, by Professor Smyth, was entitled "Some Greek Folk Tales."

Friday, November 27. The Branch met at the house of Miss Cook, Appleton Street. Dr. R. B. Dixon described two types of American creation myths.

Officers for 1903-04: *President*, Dr. Roland B. Dixon; *Vice-President*, Mrs. Winthrop Scudder; *Secretary*, Miss Katherine I. Cook; *Treasurer*, Mr. M. L. Fernald.

CINCINNATI. The following is the program of the Cincinnati Folk-Lore Society for the year 1903-04:—

October 21, 1903: "Folk-Lore of the Cat," Dr. Eugene Swope.

November 18: "Some New England Folk-Lore," Mrs. Kate A. Coolidge.

December 16: "Some Medical Superstitions," Dr. A. G. Drury.

January 20, 1904: "Budget," Mr. Edward S. Ebbert.

February 17: "Song and the Songs of Scotland," Professor E. W. Glover.

March 16: "Folk-Lore of Japan," Miss Florence Wilson and Madame Sugimoto.

April 20: "Legends of Sunny Climes," Mrs. Jennie S. Early.

May 18: "Folk-Lore of Psychology," Dr. J. D. Buck.

Officers, 1903-04: *President*, Mr. F. M. Youmans; *First Vice-President*, Dr. C. D. Crank; *Second Vice-President*, Miss Annie Laws; *Secretary*, Mrs. George C. Weimer; *Treasurer*, Mr. Edward S. Ebbert; *Advisory Committee*, Dr. J. D. Buck, Dr. Joshua Lindahl, Mrs. H. Thane Miller, Mrs. C. D. Klemm.